

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 10, 1889.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

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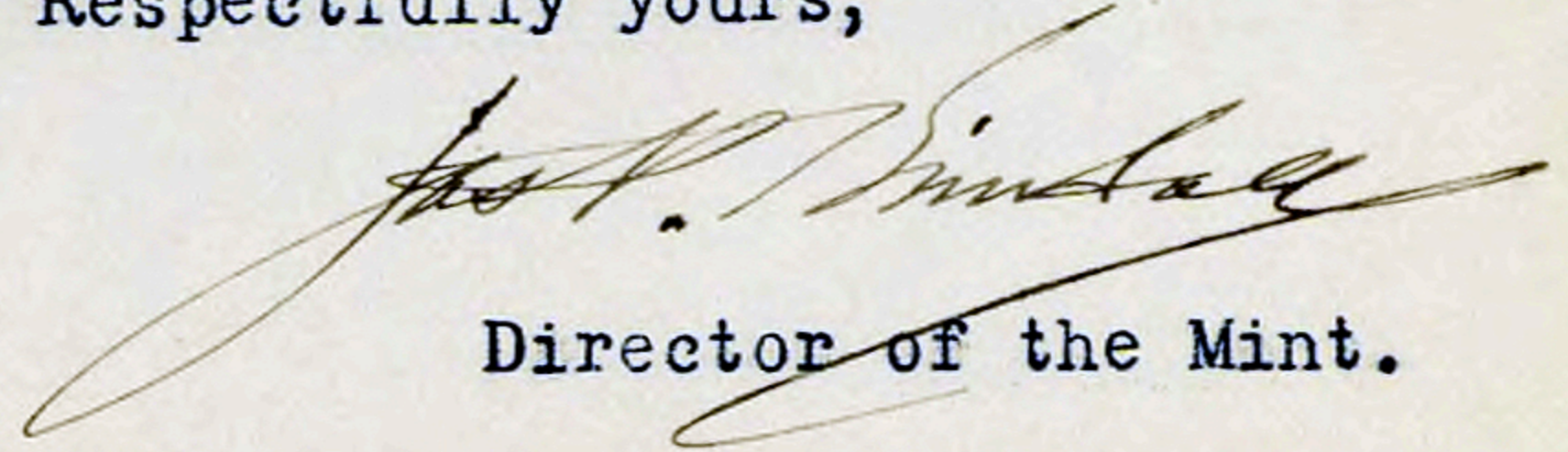
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(nineteen hundred thousand a month for May and June).

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. Binstock", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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